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December 22, 2003

Ms. Rica Lewis-Payton  
Executive Director, Division of Medicaid  
Office of the Governor  
Suite 801, Robert E. Lee Building  
239 North Lamar Street  
Jackson, Mississippi 39201-1399

Dear Ms. Lewis-Payton:

I am pleased to inform you that your request to renew Mississippi's Home and Community Based Waiver, Assisted Living for the Elderly, has been approved. The effective period for this renewal (control number 0355.90) is October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2008.

Specifically, you requested to continue to provide case management and adult residential care (assisted living) to persons aged 21 and over who would otherwise be eligible for nursing facility placement and (1) require substantial human assistance with at least three activities of daily living (ADLs) or (2) have a diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease or other dementia, and require substantial assistance with 2 or more ADLs. Based on our review of the December 17, 2003, renewal application and the clarification provided in response to our informal request for additional information, we have concluded that the request fully conforms to statutory and regulatory requirements. The following estimates of unduplicated recipients and the average per capita cost of waiver services have been approved:

	<u>Unduplicated Recipients</u>	<u>Factor D</u>	<u>Total Waiver Expenditures</u>
Year 1 (10/1/03 - 9/30/04)	700	\$10,670	\$ 7,469,280
Year 2 (10/1/04 - 9/30/05)	750	\$10,810	\$ 8,107,800
Year 3 (10/1/05 - 9/30/06)	800	\$10,974	\$ 8,779,168
Year 4 (10/1/06 - 9/30/07)	850	\$11,138	\$ 9,467,096
Year 5 (10/1/07 - 9/30/08)	900	\$11,304	\$10,173,708

We appreciate the assistance provided by your staff during our review of this request. If there are any questions you may contact Gail Quattlebaum at (404) 562-7421.

Sincerely,

Hugh Webster  
Associate Regional Administrator  
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health